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HORMONE RECEPTOR (MCH1) AND USES THEREOF

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Sir:

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3)

In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicants would like to direct the Examiner's attention to the following references which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (**Exhibit 1**) and attached hereto as **Exhibits 2-3**:

1. US Pat. No. 6,033,872, issued March 7, 2000 (**Exhibit 2**); and
2. US Pat. No. 6,008,012, issued December 28, 1999 (**Exhibit 3**).

The following references which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (**Exhibit 1**) were previously cited in connection with the prosecution of U.S. Serial Number 09/224,426, the benefit of which under 35 U.S.C. §120 is claimed in the subject application. According to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of patents or publications that were previously cited by, or submitted to, the Office in

connection with such prior applications need not accompany the Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, copies of the following references are not attached to this Information Disclosure Statement:

1. PCT International Publication WO 99/28492, published June 10, 1999;
2. PCT International Publication WO 96/18651, published June 20, 1996;
3. PCT International Publication WO 96/39162, published December 12, 1996;
4. PCT International Publication WO 01/05947, published January 25, 2001;
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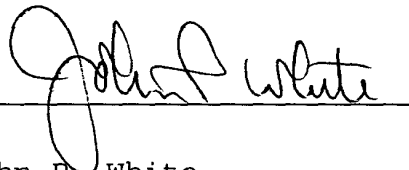
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If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

Applicants are filing this Information Disclosure Statement under C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3) before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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